

World-Wide Ticker

AFRICA'S NEWS EVENTS KEEP NEWSMEN MOVING

By KEN WHITING

JOHANNESBURG — Fast commuting has been necessary for newsmen in Africa this month.

Nigeria's civil war continued to top the agenda. Nairobi-based John Barnes of Newsweek and John Bulloch, Salisbury correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, are among those back for still another stretch. Newsweek's chief correspondent in Africa, Peter Webb, is on leave recovering from hepatitis. AP's Arnold Zeitlin is doyen of fulltime staffers based in Lagos these days.

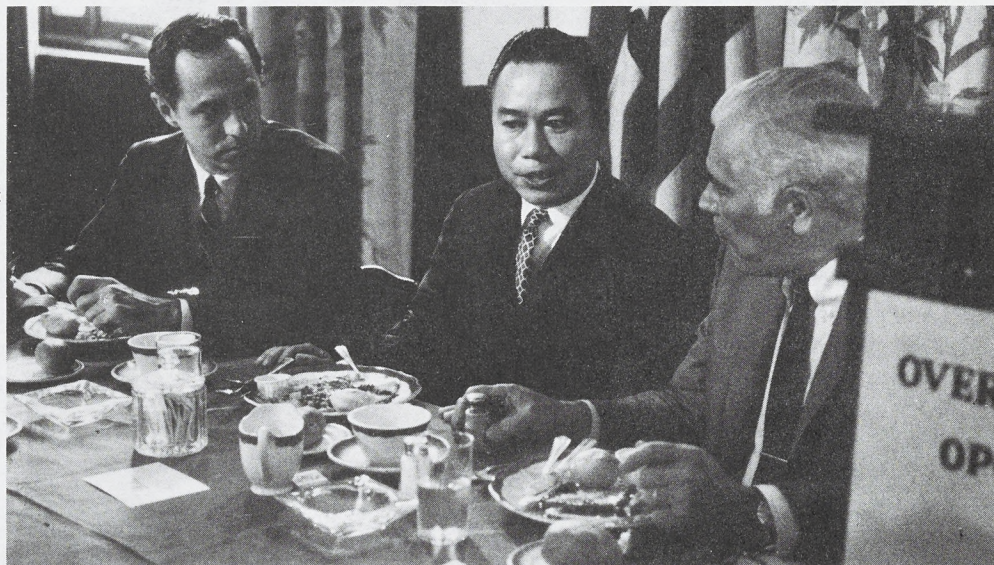
The ruling Rhodesian Front party caucus over a growing constitutional crisis in the breakaway British territory took place at the same time as Swaziland independence.

Madrid-based Al Meyers was in Salisbury for US News & World Report. Also on hand were Tony White of Reuters and Freelance Peter Hawthorne, both up from Johannesburg.

Few of the dozens of uhuru festivals in recent years could match the Swazi bash for sheer color. More than 100 of King Sobhuza's wives attended as did Ed Reingold of Time and Stan Meisler of the Los Angeles Times, both from Nairobi, and UPI's Mike Keats and this correspondent for AP from Johannesburg. Washington-based James H. Pickerell photographed the celebrations for National Geographic and then left on other freelance assignments in West Africa.

Reingold and Meisler rushed from Mbabane to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit conference in Algiers as soon as the last smoke drifted from Swaziland independence bonfires atop the twin mountain peaks of Sheba's Breasts.

The OAU meeting was yet another
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SENATOR FROM VIET NAM: Vietnamese Sen. Huynh Van Cao talks with OPC Vice President Frank Gervasi (right) before his talk this week to the Club. Sam Summerlin, who aided in setting up the event, looks on.

(Sibby Christensen photo)

Vietnamese Senator, At Club, Says Coalition Government Isn't Answer

By BLYTHE FOOTE FINKE

A peace "with honor and dignity" can only be won in Viet Nam through military victory or satisfactory political negotiations, Huynh Van Cao told a rapt Murrow World Affairs Forum audience this week.

The chairman of the Information and Foreign Relations Committee of the South Vietnamese Senate traced the history of the war, then firmly stated his government's position. He discounted entirely the options of a coalition government or neutralization of South Viet Nam or Southeast Asia as solutions to the current conflict.

"From the practical and technical standpoint," he declared, "there are just two ways to end any war with honor and dignity; these are military victory, or a satisfactory political negotiation. . . And today, if we want victory in Viet Nam I would suggest only that we seek

the opinions of our best military experts."

Cao asserted that at the present time "the other side is not yet really interested in negotiating, but they would like to talk us out of our military efforts while they accelerate their own."

Disclaims NLF Talks

He also disclaimed any possibility of talking with the National Liberation Front about peace but said South Viet Nam is "willing to talk with Hanoi, the parent of the NLF and we will accept back into the fold those errant sheep in the south who will accept to live by law and order. But we do not wish to lend legality and respectability to a front organization such as the NLF which is responsible, not to itself, but to Hanoi."

He stressed that "everyone longs
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Get the news news.



Cameraman Jim DeSylva has trouble with Saigon police.

"Background of the news" isn't a cliché when it applies to *The Bulletin*, where newsmen describe the nuts and bolts of their reporting jobs — for the information of their colleagues. *The Bulletin's* roster includes professionals based in nearly every news capital in the world.

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Vienna
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Jessie Stearns, Topeka Daily Capital

Viet Nam Senator

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for peace," but warned that peace on the aggressor's terms would be a false peace. South Viet Nam, he added, does not want "the peace of slavery. We must therefore convince Hanoi by one means or another that her aggression cannot succeed."

Even if victory through a military solution proved beyond South Viet Nam's will or means, he said, the country would stand resolute on the field of battle and at the conference table "until the enemy perceives clearly that his continued aggression cannot succeed and that his own safety is endangered by the continuing attrition of his resources, of his manpower and of his own credibility before his own people. Victory or slow attrition, that is the choice before our leaders. . ."

Coalition Out

A coalition government, he continued, would be out of the question, illogical and impractical "because coalition implies the uniting of two or three governments or other equal entities."

He said any political coalition would be a forced marriage between two arch enemies. "The NLF, despite its camouflage, is a Communist organization," he added in strongly condemning any form of coalition with Communists. He called Communism "the antithesis of democracy".

Also a neutralism solution, such as a buffer zone between North and South Viet Nam would be equally unsatisfactory, he asserted. "We may conclude that pretty geographic arrangements will not be adequate to deter the aggression in the hearts of Hanoi's leaders."

The Vietnamese Senator would not predict precisely when the South Vietnamese army would be strong enough to force American troops to leave his country. He called on Americans "to continue fighting side by side as the Vietnamese forces are modernized."

Senator Huynh Van Cao was introduced by *Frank Gervasi*, OPC Vice President and presiding officer.

GENERATION GAP NIGHT

WANTED: OPC members with sons and daughters to do their folk/rock thing for upcoming OPC Saturday Cabaret. Like in October, man. *Stardust* and *The Saints* in mothballs for the night. Already booked: *The Age of Reason*, out of Scarsdale. Their bag is "I'm Glad." It's your gig. So communicate.

CABARET COMMITTEE

Wilma Dobie Harry Welker
Wad Allen Ruth Biemiller

NEW YORK SCENE

A Met Season Sendoff

Wed., Sept. 25 — Music Night Reception for the Metropolitan Opera and Alice Darlington, new director of the Met Opera Guild. 5:30 p.m.

Six talented young performers from the Metropolitan Opera Studio will be featured in a musical interlude during this Wednesday's reception to toast Mrs. Darlington and the opening of the Met season. They include: Gail Robinson, Margery Ryan, Vicki Powers, Leo Goeke, Robert Peterson and Arthur Thompson, all to be accompanied by Maestro George Schick, musical consultant for the Studio and regarded as one of the outstanding Met conductors.

The event is expected to draw many well-known figures from the music world — such as Met General Manager Rudolph Bing — as well as Mrs. Darlington's husband, Amb. Charles Darlington, former US envoy to Gabon.

The musical interlude is being arranged by Met Assistant Manager and Studio Director John Gutman. Music Committee Chairman Jack Frummer will preside.



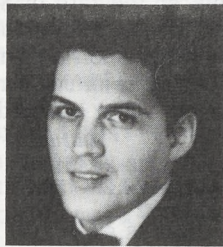
Robinson



Ryan



Powers



Goeke



Peterson



Thompson

Honor for a Top Reporter and Writer

Thurs., Sept. 26 — Reception honoring Edgar Ansel Mowrer on publication of his book, "Triumph and Turmoil," 6 to 8 p.m.

"Mr. Mowrer has made the great globe itself his pad," writes Charles Poore in The New York Times. "Uptight against catastrophe he coolly contemplates the prevalence of the absurd. Now, in his autobiography, he's written his youngest book at 75."

Poore is referring to Mowrer's recent *Triumph and Turmoil* (Weybright and Talley), the publication of which gives OPCers an occasion to pay honor to this venerable Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent.

This autobiography is really less about the author than about the events of this century which he has witnessed, written about and analyzed. The Chicago Daily News veteran recalls happenings and personalities ranging from pre-World War I days in Paris through the rise of Hitler; the election of FDR; Neville Chamberlain; Winston Churchill; Harry Truman, Josef Stalin, Charles de Gaulle, Mussolini, the Cold War; Korea and Viet Nam. Through all he's lived and seen, Mowrer says, he maintains a "quiet confidence that somewhere, somehow sometime, men and women will achieve that beauty and wisdom to which the finest among them have always aspired."

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Tues., Oct. 8 — Homecoming Forum, with Mutual Broadcasting's Mideast bureau chief, Leonard Eleazer Whartman, on "America's Stake in the Middle East." Cocktails 6:30, dinner 7:30 p.m.

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Tues., Oct. 22 — Publication Party for new OPC book, "Heroes for Our Time," with many of its top-name contributors. Cocktails 6 p.m.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to member's accounts.

Sedley Peck Dies; Early OPC Member

Col. Sedley Peck, best-known resident and historian of California's San Gabriel Canyon, a New York Herald correspondent in France for 20 years after World War I, and one of the OPC's earliest members, was found dead of a gunshot wound at his home in the Canyon's Fellows Camp Sept. 4. He was 79.

He was a familiar member of the coterie of correspondents based in Paris during the thirties. OPC Past President Burnet Hershey recalls that he was one of the correspondents who made an early prediction about the German invasion of France.

The colorful, bearded Peck also served in both World Wars. A student at Stanford when World War I broke out, Peck left for France to volunteer for the ambulance service in France. He served with the French and later the US Armies. Following the war, he remained in Europe as a Herald correspondent. When World War II started, he again volunteered for French army service, and again transferred to the US military service when this country became involved in the conflict. He served as an intelligence officer under Gens. Dwight Eisenhower and Mark Clark. It was during this period he met his wife, a Frenchwoman who had been assigned to him as an interpreter.

Peck, who was at one time official historian of Azusa, Cal., was interested in preserving the historical artifacts of pioneering miners and prospectors in San Gabriel Canyon. Among these is the restored prospector's store which stands near his home there. Peck's mother's family and his father were among the early settlers in the area.

Besides his wife, Peck is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alexandre Lafebvre.

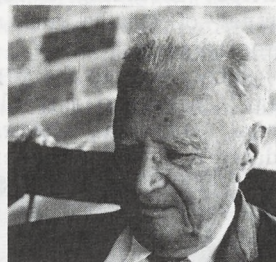
ZORTHIAN TO TIME

Barry Zorthian, former top US spokesman in Saigon, will join Time, Inc., in October as a senior member of corporate management, it was announced this week by Time President James A. Linen.

Zorthian recently wound up a four-and-a-half-year tour of duty in Viet Nam, serving as director of the Joint United States Public Affairs Office (JUSPAO) in Viet Nam and Minister-Counsellor for Information for the US Embassy in Saigon.

EARLY CLOSING

Because of the Jom Kippur holiday during the week, the Oct. 5 *Bulletin* will close one day early — at noon Monday, Sept. 30.



Mowrer

AN UPDATED LOOK AT INSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR CC

By SIGRID SCHULTZ

Sigrid Schultz is chairman of the OPC's Insurance Committee.

Old-timers may remember that in the far-away days when the Overseas Press Club was a comparatively small organization, we had what we believed to be a fine group insurance. But then some of our members became very ill in foreign lands. The insurance company decided that it preferred to go along without our patronage, claiming that we cost them too much money.

For a number of years we tried to get along without all the red tape and negotiations involved in the insurance business. But toward the end of the fifties it became obvious that a good number of our friends and colleagues, who were not automatically insured by the firms for which they reported, were in some need of insurance protection.

To avoid a repetition of our disastrous first insurance experience, the "Overseas Members Liaison Committee" was entrusted with the task of investigating the problem. We went in for careful studies of the various possibilities open to us until 1959, when the president of the OPC signed our first group insurance contracts with Mutual of Omaha and Blue Cross-Blue Shield. There was nothing haphazard in this selection, which was made after the Club's legal adviser, *Frank C. Wachsmith*, had scrutinized the plans offered to us and agreed with the Committee that the terms of these two organizations were the most advantageous for us.

In the intervening years the number of insurances available to members of the OPC on a group basis has been increased, with the approval of our legal adviser. To judge by the statements of a good number of our fellow members who hold policies, the Club's effort to provide insurance protection for them has been successful.

For those interested in insurance problems, here is a short summary of the three types of group insurance available through MUTUAL OF OMAHA.

They include "Health and Accident," "Major Medical Family Insurance," and "Life Insurance."

HEALTH AND ACCIDENT

provides monthly payments for policy owners who are unable to work because of illness or accident. The important feature of the payments in these days of high taxation is that *they are tax exempt*. They range from \$100 a month to \$600, depending on the age of the insured and the premiums paid, as shown in the following table:

	Monthly Benefit			Annual Premiums		
	Benefit to age 50			50-59	60-68 incl.	
Plan I	\$100	\$39.00	\$44.60	\$55.40		
Plan II	200	76.50	87.70	109.30		
Plan III	300	114.00	130.80	163.20		
Plan IV	400	151.50	173.90	217.10		
Plan V	500	189.00	217.00	271.00		
Plan VI	600	226.50	260.10	324.90		

I shall stress only a few points listed in the folder which Ted Mendocha of Mutual of Omaha will send to Club members interested in this type of group insurance: All members under the age of 69 and actively engaged full time on their profession are eligible, depending on their physical condition or medical history. This health examination would not be required if 51% of our membership were to subscribe to this Health and Accident insurance. But in view of the fact that many of us are insured by the firms with which we are connected, it is doubtful that we shall ever reach that percentage. The so-called "impaired risks," as well as members who are over 60 years old, are limited to Plans I and II.

"Health and Accident" guarantees payments for total disability caused by illness for five years, up to the age of 72, and guarantees lifelong payments for total disability caused by accident.

House confinement is not required under provisions of this insurance. In case of controversy about claims, the insured may call for arbitration by three parties, including a representative of Mutual of Omaha and a third "disinterested party."

Subscribers to the "Health and Accident" insurance may also obtain additional, optional coverage, providing "daily hospital room benefit of \$10 for an annual premium of \$18, as well as \$300 for surgery for an annual premium of \$11.50."

Up to the end of 1967, "Health and Accident" has proved the most popular among our members.

FAMILY MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE

as well as Life Insurance were added to our original contract in May of 1962. In view of the spectacular rise in the cost of hospitalization in the intervening years, and partly because of the introduction of Medicare, the original provisions of our Major Medical Insurance were revised in July, 1967. As the plan stands now, Mutual of Omaha will pay up to \$15,000, instead of the \$10,000 guaranteed in the first plan, for each member of the family after a "deductible" of \$500, covering up to 80% of the expenses paid by the insured in excess of the "deductible."

In view of the fact that the new plan

called for important changes, members of our Committee, including Harold Berke, contacted other firms to check what they had to offer. They came to the conclusion, as did legal adviser Wachsmith, that we had better accept the new terms.

Because of Medicare there is a clear distinction of services to be obtained by members who are under 65 years old and those over 65. "Major Medical expense protection" is available to all members who are under the age of 64 and actively engaged full time in their profession, subject to acceptance by the Company. The member's spouse, if under age 64, and dependent unmarried children through 18 years may be included for coverage, subject to acceptance by the Company.

Benefits after the age of 65 will be paid for each week of hospital confinement at the rate of \$100 per week for as long as 26 weeks for injury or sickness requiring such confinement.

The premiums for Major Medical vary according to age and size of the family:

	Annual Premiums:				
Ages:	18-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65
Member	\$26.20	50.80	89.90	132.20	111.90
Member & spouse	58.60	102.40	172.40	259.00	
Each child	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	
Each covered person over 65	pays 111.90				

If the individual member dies while covered under this policy, the surviving spouse may continue this coverage for herself and her eligible dependent children through age 22, provided she pays the appropriate premium.

Again, anyone interested in this Family Major Medical Insurance can secure full details of the services and supplies that are available by turning to the Insurance Committee or directly from Ted E. Mendocha, Mutual of Omaha, whose telephone number is (516) 822-3000. The list is a long one, ranging from partial payment on hospital room and board, to the services of physicians and surgeons, to radiologist, pathologist, physical therapist or physiotherapist, anesthetic and its administration, blood and blood plasma, etc.

While this policy does not cover normal childbirth or normal pregnancy, it provides for pregnancy complications. Some 200 families in our Club hold Major Medical policies.

LIFE INSURANCE

Our initial Life Insurance contract offered a coverage of \$10,000. At present writing enough members have subscribed to the Life Insurance plan to provide more than \$500,000 for their beneficiaries. In view of the ever-increasing

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price spiral, the maximum limit for life insurances has been raised to \$25,000.

The premiums for the \$10,000 Life Insurances vary according to age, as shown in the following table:

Nearest Birthday	Amount of Insurance	Annual Premium	Semiannual Premium
20-24	\$10,000.00	\$25.50	\$13.50
25-29	10,000.00	31.00	16.00
30-34	10,000.00	39.00	20.50
35-39	10,000.00	51.00	26.50
40-44	10,000.00	69.50	36.00
45-49	10,000.00	98.00	51.00
50-54	10,000.00	142.00	74.00
55-59	10,000.00	208.50	108.50
60-64	10,000.00	309.00	160.50
65-69	5,000.00	231.00	120.00

After presenting this summary of the insurances available to our members and what they cost, it is time to take a look at what has been paid out to our members up to the end of 1967. According to the records of Mutual of Omaha, 433 insured members or their dependents received more than \$233,000, to which one must add \$60,000 paid out in death claims between 1962 and 1967 by Companion Life Insurance Company, which handles the Life Insurance branch for Mutual and is wholly owned by that company.

As is only natural, the Insurance Committee has received a number of complaints from some of our fellow-members. We also received letters recommending other firms that were supposed to give us better deals. Everyone of these leads that reached the Committee has been checked most carefully, and there was always a serious deterrent: either the recommended company would not insure members traveling or stationed abroad or it insisted that 51% of the membership buy their policies, which as I explained earlier, is not possible in our Club.

I am grateful to be able to state emphatically that in all cases submitted to our Committee for examination and possible correction, we found Ted E. Mendocha and his colleagues at Mutual of Omaha most anxious to check all details and to cooperate with us in the search for fair solutions and in our efforts to provide up-to-date insurance protection for members of the OPC.

SAIGON NEWS NOTES

SAIGON — New arrivals here in Saigon include Bem Price, US News & World Report, sitting in for the vacationing Wendell 'Bud' Merrick, and Andy Parks, from Westinghouse Stations, KFWC, Los Angeles, holding down the fort for Group W, Saigon, whose correspondent, Ron Milligan, also is on vacation.

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attempt to end the fighting in Nigeria. Tony Astrachan covered for the Washington Post. Mike Goldsmith was in Algeria for AP, interrupting a tour in Viet Nam.

Meantime, the new Press Club of South Africa has most teething troubles sorted out after six months in Johannesburg's President Hotel. An official opening ball is planned shortly and the bilingual (English and Afrikaans) club expects to seek reciprocity with the OPC.

ARGENTINE PAPERS
FEAR NEWSPRINT TAX

By STEVE YOLEN

BUENOS AIRES — Newspaper publishers in Argentina are increasingly worried about possibilities the government may impose a 30 percent import tax on newsprint.

The Argentine Association of Newspaper Enterprises (ADEPA) has formed a committee to oppose any attempt by President Juan Carlos Onganía's government to tax newsprint, virtually all of which used in Argentina is imported.

The government is under strong pressure from paper products manufacturers to tax a wide variety of paper goods coming into the country, and publishers fear the already-demonstrated government tendency towards protectionism will apply equally to newsprint.

The government has not said officially how it feels towards the newsprint question (it presently enters free of duty), but ADEPA has pointed out that any sanctions against the commodity would

be an infringement on freedom of the press.

In a memo to the Economics Ministry, ADEPA said such a tax would force marginally-profitable publications to fold, would raise newsstand prices (against expressed government policy of trying to stabilize inflation), would cause circulation losses, and would go against resolutions from such respected organizations as the InterAmerican Press Association and the UN, which consider newsprint taxes in opposition to freedom of the press.

The subject was expected to be vigorously discussed at ADEPA's September conference and undoubtedly will be brought up at IAPA's annual meeting to be held coincidentally in Buenos Aires in October.

American correspondents (and former correspondents) based in Baires have been getting together every Tuesday for an informal luncheon. The group presently includes Penny Lernoux (Copley Service), Robert Lindley (ABC), former OPC fellowship winner Ernest McCarty (McGraw-Hill), Louis Uchitelle (AP), Dave Belnap (Los Angeles Times), Malcome Browne (New York Times), Wilbur G. Landrey (UPI), Martin McReynolds (UPI), Peter Rodger (Vision), Hal Hendrix (ITT), Sergio Betancourt (PanAm), Cal Abraham (Coca-Cola), and Mickey Boener, Larry Estes and Yale Newman from USIS. Larry Smith, formerly based here for Mutual Broadcasting, and presently living in Rome writing a book on Pope John, dropped in to visit the group at a recent luncheon.

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OVERSEAS CONFERENCE: OPC Secretary Lin Root (right) talks with Vienna-based Fred Baer, of McGraw-Hill and The Bulletin, in front of the Vienna Rathaus.

Reporter's Vignette: A Russian in a Very Tight Spot

By MASON ROSSITER SMITH

KUALA LUMPUR — At the moment, he might have been the only Soviet diplomat anywhere in the world who found himself in such a spot.

This was His Excellency, V.N. Kouznetsov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federation of Malaysia. In his honor the National Press Club of Malaysia was holding a dinner Wednesday evening, Aug. 21st, with substantial advance billing.

This was the first time a Russian ambassador had addressed the club, and he had taken pains to distribute advance copies of his address, some 20 pages, double spaced, 8½ x 13", in elite type.

The Russians have only recently opened an embassy here and have currently been holding trade talks, offering educational scholarships to Soviet universities, generally seeking to win friends and influence people.

Words and Action

In the prepared text, entitled "The Soviet Union and Its Foreign Policy", the Ambassador mentioned, among other things, that "Soviet foreign policy is...based on principles of struggle for peace and international security, freedom and equality for all peoples, friendship and cooperation between all the nations both big and small.... peaceful co-existence, recognition of

territorial integrity and national sovereignty."

That morning the Russians invaded Czechoslovakia.

The Ambassador arrived at the dinner an hour late.

While we waited, the Malaysians were asking: "Will he come?" "Will he speak in Russian, as he did on first arrival at the airport?"

He came, with two aides, and he spoke in English.

After the main course, this tall, broadshouldered, smiling, balding six-footer, strode to the microphone, opened his remarks with a few pleasantries, and read a total of 37 minutes of the prepared address — including the above excerpts.

He then answered questions.

Q & A

The first came from a reporter for a local Malay language daily. Would Kouznetsov comment on Russian intervention in Czechoslovakia?

The ambassador replied: "Czechoslovakia is a member of the Warsaw Pact and the five countries went in to protect her borders."

Troops of the Warsaw Pact countries, he said, had moved in at the request of the Czechoslovak Government.

When asked who represented the Government of Czechoslovakia, the Ambassador replied that this was "an

internal problem."

The troops had moved in, he maintained, at the request of the people of that country.

An American journalist who introduced himself as correspondent for *The Baltimore Sun* and a guest of the club, wanted to know how true were reports that the hierarchy of the Czechoslovak Communist Party were not informed about entry of troops into their country.

Query Gets Through

Kouznetsov declined to answer on grounds that he had agreed to answer questions only from members of the club. The questioner was an American journalist and a guest, he observed.

So a club member asked the same question.

Kouznetsov declared that reports on the Czechoslovak situation were being distorted by anti-Soviet elements.

The uninhibited Malaysia journalists whooped and hollered at various points during the ambassador's address, especially when he emphasized Soviet respect for frontiers and the USSR's desire for co-existence.

But he has a sense of humor, broad Slavic smile and considerable aplomb — which is why, when the questioning was over, we toasted, and generously, the ambassador himself. He seemed like a nice guy in a very tight spot.

Letters

OVERSEAS EXPANSION

Congratulations seem to be in order to our President for his single-handed effort to put the OPC on the overseas map. To the best of my knowledge — and in the almost 30 years of my active membership — none of *Hal Lehrman's* predecessors has ventured abroad in pursuit of worldwide expansion. I put out my feelers in this direction from Paris during 20 years as resident correspondent. Much to my dismay, reactions of our fellow members there were unconcerned at the time.

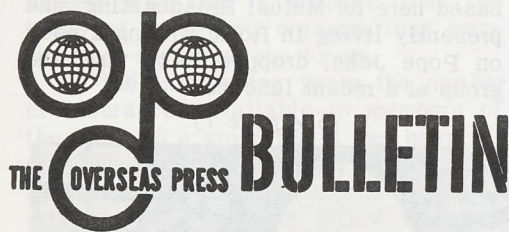
Now, as Hal notices, times and the status of the OPC have changed. I am writing from a small corner of this hemisphere but it is obvious that a great majority of our overseas members would now welcome and support the idea of overseas chapters. And Hal's clear-cut analysis in this respect — as laid down in his "OPC OVERSEAS" exposé (*Bulletin*, Sept. 7, 1968) — should furnish the lead for the Club's recruitment program.

If I may make one personal suggestion: In case there are not sufficient additional copies of the Sept. 7 issue available, have special leaflets printed with the President's three propositions. They should be distributed to all Bulletin correspondents abroad and could serve as the nucleus of the OPC Overseas Propaganda Campaign. *Curt L. Heymann*
Palma de Majorca

AN IRISH LOSS

Learned of Pat Clarke's passing on returning from vacation. Pat was a warm and gentle man. Several months ago I gave him a magazine which carried a story I had written on Ireland accompanied by a photo of a scene in County Cavan. His often sad features brightened at the glimpse of his native district, and he remarked that he would soon be making his perennial visit home. His life seemed to be bounded on one side by the Club and on the other by Ireland. He displayed great devotion to both. I, for one, will truly miss his presence and the lilt of his Cavan brogue.

Dan Doherty



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WASHINGTON NOTES

By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — Jerry Hannifin, Time, was moderator of a panel that discussed Soviet aviation, which was sparked by the inauguration of service between New York and Moscow at an American Institute of Aeronautics and Aviation-Space Writers Association luncheon.

The New York press corps, newsmen who covered the late New York Senator Robert Kennedy's short Presidential campaign, and former Kennedy campaign staff members gathered at Duke Ziebert's to view slides and exchange nostalgic reminiscences.

Look lensman Stanley Tretick explained the gathering as "we just wanted to get together in a group."

Dan Rather, CBS, who was punched in the stomach and knocked on the Democratic convention floor in Chicago is back reporting from the White House.

The year-long study of the multi-billion-dollar communications industry and of the federal structure regulating it, possibly calling for a major shakeup in both, is expected to reach President Johnson in a few weeks.

Kenneth O. Gilmore named Washington Bureau Chief for Reader's Digest replacing Charles Stevenson, who will devote full time to writing articles for the Digest.

Raoul Blumberg, assistant to the Washington Post publisher, will retire on Dec. 31, "three days after my 61st birthday" he says. He previously worked for Washington Daily News, Liberty Magazine, and the Brooklyn Eagle. Blumberg came to the Washington Post in 1935 and moved from circulation staff to his present position including general manager of TV Channels (appearing in seven Sunday newspapers) and vice president of TV Publications, with many assignments between in his 33 years of service.

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ON THE GO: **M.D. Morris** back from consulting on communications courses at Simon Fraser U. in Vancouver, B.C. **Gerry Sartain** back from six weeks in Europe, the greater part of which she spent in the Soviet Union, including a cruise down the Volga from Kazan to Rostov-on-Don. The rest of her time she divided between London and Paris, where she once worked as a reporter. ... **Hildegard Fillmore** spending three weeks in Spain and Portugal, researching magazine assignments and painting. **Arthur Holzman**, NASA's assistant general counsel, now in Navy commander's uniform for five weeks' active duty as assistant public affairs officer for Sealab III, the third openocean phase of the Navy's Man-in-the-Sea program. For 60 days commencing mid-October, teams of aquanauts from the Navy's Deep Submergence Systems Project — led by Astronaut-Aquanaut Cdr. Scott Carpenter — will perform experimental salvage, engage in oceanographic research and undergo human performance tests in and out of their habitat at 600-foot depth on the ocean bottom off the shores of San Clemente Island, California **Philip Johnson** back from a summer in Scandinavia, where he took part in the organization of the World Association for Christian Communication in Oslo, and worked at the World Council of Churches' Assembly in Uppsala, Sweden. He then holed up in a cabin in western Sweden to work on a novel. An earlier book, "Call Me Neighbor, Call Me Friend," (Doubleday, 1965) has just been published in Brazil.

CHECKING IN: **T. Jeff Williams** from Viet Nam **Martin P. Houseman** from Chile. our San Francisco correspondent, **Joseph Q. Riznik**. **Joe McGowan, Jr.**, from India, heading for Peru.

NEW POSTS: **Louis Rukeyser**, ABC London bureau chief, has returned to the US to become ABC News economic editor. **James H. McCormick**, formerly manager of publicity and coporate

and product advertising for Crucible Steel, to the Picker Corp. X-Ray Division as advertising, news and sales promotion manager. **Benjamin L. French, Jr.**, to the newly created position of manager, state and local government relations of RCA. He's been with RCA's public affairs department since 1955.

ARTICLES: A 4,000-word article by **Fleur Cowles**, "Art in My Life," in the current issue of Architectural Digest published in Los Angeles. Discussed are her own collection, her views on "label-sellers," discovering unknown painters, and how she began painting herself. Los Angeles Times Sunday edition for Sept. 8 carried a feature story by **Madeline D. Ross** titled "There's No Place Like Rome." ... **Theodore Berland's** Today's Health piece, "Cosmetic Surgery, What It Can and Cannot Do," being distributed in pamphlet form by the American Medical Association. Reader's Digest for October carried "Must America Go Metric?" by **Harland Manchester** and "I Remember Papa Hemingway" by **A.E. Hotchner**.

BOOKS: Drawings by **John Groth** illustrate "The War Prayer," Mark Twain's anti-war parable written in 1904 and published for the first time in a single volume by Harper & Row. **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, has written the introduction to "Brief Against Death," written by Edgar Smith in his 11th year on death row and published by Alfred A. Knopf. **Elaine Shepard** says the name of one of her new books is "Haiti, Honey" — not Hait, Honey, as carried in last week's Bulletin.

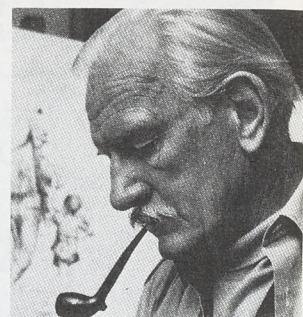
RADIO & TV: **Ruth Bowman**, curator of the NYU art collection, interviewing **Emily Nathan**, specialist in art programs for industry and public relations for museums, on WNYC Sept. 19. Program will be repeated on WNYC-FM on Sept. 25. **Harry Kursh** talked about his book, "The Franchising Boom — How Long Can It Last" with Joe Franklin (WOR) Sept. 13.

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SPEAKERS: **George A. Heinemann** spoke on "The Child in an Adult World" at a communications forum sponsored by the Center of American Living, Inc., in NY Sept. 17.

HONORS: AP's **Hal Boyle** the subject of a feature in Editor & Publisher for Sept. 14. **Marty Gershen** named chairman of the freedom of the press committee of the NY Newspapers Reporters Assn. He invites anyone who has any problem, real or imagined, to contact him at the NY office of the Newark Star Ledger, 230 West 41st Street, phone: CH 4-1698.

STAYING PUT: Word from **Alan Levy**, who has been living in Prague, is that he plans to remain in that city, as he did before, during and after the events of Aug. 20. His wife and daughters were evacuated to West Germany on Aug. 27 but are expected back for the opening of the French school, in which the daughters are enrolled, on Sept. 23.

NEW ART ON EXHIBIT IN OPC DINING ROOM

Two American and three French artists, all prize-winning colorists, are represented in the first OPC art exhibition of the new season, just installed in the Dining Room.

The six contemporary works are on loan from the Circulating Library of Painting, 33 East 74th Street, New York, pioneer art rental gallery. They were selected with the personal cooperation of Mrs. Ruth S. Butler, president and director of the gallery, by **L. E. Levick**, OPC Art Committee chairman. The show will continue through October.

Suffusing the elegant room with beauty and warmth, the pictures range from realism to abstraction. One is a collage, richly-textured abstract "Buccaneer," by New York editor-turned-painter David Porter.

The other five are oils, two by American artist **Erwin Wending** — representational "New England Quarry" and evocative abstraction "Growth."

The three French paintings are the lush red-dominant still life "Les Grenades" by **Jeanne Laillard**, romantic realist "Girl" by **Francoise Adnet**, and luminescent "Le Paddock" by **Pierre Tritsch**.



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